GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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LAND ENCROACHMENT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Airports Authority of India has formulated any scheme for earning revenue and to protect its land from encroachment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the percentage of income of AAI is likely to increase after implementing this scheme every year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

a),(b),(c) and (d):- Yes, Sir. It is the constant endeavour of the Government to protect the land from encroachments. Airports Authority of India(AAI) has taken up the following steps:-

AAI has taken up the matter with various State Governments for removal and/or rehabilitation of the encroachers from AAI land; fencing/boundary wall around the operational area of the airport has been constructed and breaches repaired/bridged to safeguard the AAI land from encroachers; construction of motorable road along the boundary wall for easy accessibility to the perimeter and keeping a continuous watch against encroachers; Nehru Nagar area in Juhu Airport, Mumbai and Gaon Devi area in CSI Airport, Mumbai and from Vile Parle Police Station to Bamanwada (known as M.C. Chagla Marg - construction after 1995) have been cleared from the encroachers; the process of shifting / removing / rehabilitating encroachers from the AAI land in Jari Mari(Rafiq Nagar) area at Mumbai is under progress with the help of State Government; encroachers on AAI land at Mumbai Airport which are security hazard are being identified to be shifted in the Salt Pan area with the assistance of Government of Maharashtra and about one acre of land belonging to AAI in Dag No.220 at the LGBI Airport, Guwahati have been got cleared from the encroachers after following due legal process and PPE Eviction Proceedings.

A large part of the vacant land at the airports is required to be kept vacant to meet essential operational safety norms. Assessment of vacant land which can be utilized for commercial exploitation has been made for a number of airports. There are plans to suitably take up construction of hangars, cargo warehouses, retail petrol outlets, hotels, resorts, shopping plaza, etc. for commercial utilization of the vacant land. Since such schemes are at preliminary stages the likely increase in the percentage of income cannot be quantified.